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REDEMPTION:

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The Great, and Favourite WORKS

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MY LORDS and GENTLEMEN,

AS it has been to your superior judgment, that the great, and favourite works of the immortal *Handel*, have been so eminently distinguished; and under whose auspices they have been so capitally performed; permit me to recommend to your protection, a selection from the works of this great man; for to whom could his labours be inscribed with more propriety, than to those who have a real taste for his sublimities!

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

With the utmost gratitude and respect,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

S. ARNOLD.

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P R E F A C E.

THE judicious selection of Music, performed at the Commemoration of HANDEL at Westminster Abbey, and at the Pantheon; first gave the idea of compiling and bringing into one performance, or regular drama, those great and favourite works of this justly admired author; and I have only to regret, that the compass of time allotted for the performance of an Oratorio is so short, as to deprive me of adding many more of his capital compositions, that would have greatly enriched the performance.

In the arrangement of the pieces, care has been taken not to alter the harmony, or to interfere with the melody of the voice part, excepting to divide a note, in order to accommodate particular syllables to such words as are adapted to his Italian airs.—Wherever the text could be preserved, it has been preferred.

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The drama opens with a description of the *Creation*, which being accomplished, it hastens to the grand scriptural type of *Christ*; that of Abraham's faith, in the offering his son Isaac. After which, the history of Joseph being sold to the Ishmaelites, and the departure of the children of Israel, with Moses their leader, out of the land of Egypt; concludes the first part.

The stories of Joshua, Deborah, Saul, David, and the Coronation of Solomon, slightly touched upon, compose the second part.

From the prophecies of Jeremiah, and Micah; of the coming of our blessed Lord and Saviour; the third part opens: his Birth, Mission, Death and Resurrection, follow; and the piece concludes with the consequences thereof—our **REDEMPTION!**

S. A.

The drama having been found too long for representation, the lines marked with inverted commas, are omitted.

REDEMPTION.

PART I.

Overture to the Occasional Oratorio.

RECIT. *Accompanied.*

WHEN the Earth was without form,
and void, and when darkness covered
the face of the deep, the Spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters.

Let there be light,
'Th' Almighty said,
And light was over all!

Genesis, chap. i. v. 2.

CHORUS. *Sampson.*

*Oh first created beam, and thou great word!
Let there be light, and light was over all.
One heavenly blaze, shone round this earthly
ball.*

REC.

R E C I T A T I V E.

He measur'd the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out Heaven with a span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a Measure, and weighed the Mountains in Scales, and the Hills in a Ballance.

Isaiab, chap. xl. v. 22.

A I R. *Eatius Nasce al bosco.*

He layeth the Beams of his Chambers in the Waters, and walketh upon the Wings of the Wind.

He maketh his Angels Spirits, and his Ministers a flaming fire,

Psalms

C H O R U S. *Jephtha.*

*When his loud voice in thunder spoke,
With conscious fear, the billows broke.
Observant of his dread command
In vain they roll their foaming tide,
Confin'd by that great power
That gave them strength to roar,
They now contract their boistrous pride
And lash with idle rage, the laughing strand.*

R E C I T A T I V E.

Now Heav'n in all her Glory shone; and roll'd
Her Motions, as the first great Mover's Hand
First wheel'd their course; Earth in her rich
attire

Consummate, Lovely, smil'd: Air, Water,
Earth

By

R E D E M P T I O N. 9

By fowl, fish, beast was flown, was swum,
 was walk'd,
 Frequent: and of the sixth day yet remain'd
 There wanted yet the Master Work, the end
 Of all yet done: therefore th' Omnipotent
 Eternal Father (for where is not He
 Present?) thus to his Son audibly spake.

Accompanied.

Let us now make Man in our own Image man,
 In our similitude, and let them rule
 Over the Fish and Fowl of Sea and Air,
 Beast of the Field, and over all the Earth,
 And every creeping Thing that creeps the
 Ground.

A I R. *Semele.*

Lord! what is Man, that thou art mindful
 of him, or the Son of Man that thou regardest
 him?

Thou madest him lower than the Angels,
 to crown him with Glory and Worship.

Psalms, viii. v. 4. 5.

C H O R U S. *Saul.*

*How excellent thy name, oh Lord
 In all the world is known,
 Above all heav'ns oh king ador'd,
 How hast thou set thy glorious throne.*

R E C I T A T I V E.

These are thy glorious works, parent of good,
 Almighty, thine this universal frame

B

Thus

10 R E D E M P T I O N.

Thus wond'rous fair; thyself how wond'rous
 then,
 Unspeakable, who sitt'st above the heav'ns
 To us invifible, or dimly feen
 In thefe thy loweft works, yet thefe declare
 Thy goodnefs beyond thought and pow'r
 divine.

Paradife Loft.

A I R. *Dite che fa.*

Speak ye who beft can tell, ye fons of light—
 Angels, for ye behold him, and with fongs
 And choral fymphonies, day without night,
 Circle his throne rejoiceing.—

Paradife Loft.

R E C I T A T I V E.

Abraham believed God, and it was counted
 unto him for righteousnes.

Romans, chap. iv. v. 3.

And the angel of the Lord called unto
 Abraham, out of heaven and faid,

Genefis, chap. xxii. v. 15.

By myfelf faith the Lord have I fworn,
 for becaufe thou haft done this thing, and haft
 not with-held thy fon, thine only fon, in blef-
 fing, I will blefs thee, and in multiplying, I
 will multiply thy feed as the ftars in the hea-
 ven, and as the fand which is upon the fea
 fhore; and in thy feed, fhall all the nations
 of the earth be bleffed, becaufe thou haft
 obey'd my voice.

A I R. *Sufanah, Would cuftome bid.*

Abraham enough! thy piety is fhown,
 Thy faith fhall be to after ages known,

I by

R E D E M P T I O N. 11

I by myself have sworn thy seed to blefs,
And thy foes gates, thine Issue shall poffefs,
The Saviour of the World from thee fhall rife
T' atone my wrath a willing facrifice.

Wefley's Hift. of the Bible.

R E C I T A T I V E.

Now when Jofeph was fold by his breth'-
ren to the Ifhmaelites for twenty pieces of
filver, they brought him into Egypt.

Genefis, chap. xxxvii. v. 28.

And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh cap-
tain of the guards, bought him of the Ifhmae-
lites.

Chap. xxxix. v. 1. 4.

And Jofeph found favor in the fight of his
mafter, and he made him overfeer in his houfe,
even over all that he had.

A I R. *Occafional Oratorio.*

Jehovah is my fhield and glory
Him thro' my ftory
Th' exalter of my head I count,
Aloud I cry'd
He foon reply'd,
And heard me from his holy mount.
I lay and fleep'd, and wak'd again,
The Lord himfelf did me fustain.

R E C I T A T I V E.

When Jofeph had interpreted Pharaoh's
dream, that the famine fhould be in the land
of Egypt, Pharaoh faid unto him,

For-

Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all these things, thou shalt be over my house, and according to thy word, shall all my people be ruled, for I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis, chap. xli. v. 39. 40.

C H O R U S. *Joseph.*

*Blest be the man by power unstain'd,
Virtue there itself adorning;
Blest be the man by wealth unchain'd
Treasure for the public, boarding.*

R E C I T. *Israel in Egypt.*

When Joseph was dead, there arose a new king over Egypt, that knew not Joseph, and he set over Israel task-masters, to afflict them with burdens, and they made them serve with rigor.

Accompanied.

And the children of Israel sigh'd by reason of their bondage, and their cry came up unto God.

A I R. *Judas Maccabæus.*

// Pious orgies, pious airs,
// Decent sorrows, decent pray'rs,
// Will to the Lord ascend and move
// His pity, and regain his love.

R E C I T. *Israel in Egypt.*

Then sent he Moses his servant and Aaron, whom he had chosen; these shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

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CHORUS,

He sent them hail-stones for rain. Fire mingled with the hail, ran along upon the ground.

DUETTO. *Israel in Egypt.*

The Lord is a man of war; Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots, and his host hath he cast into the sea:

His chosen captains also are drowned in the red sea.

CHORUS. *Israel in Egypt.*

Moses and the children of Israel sang this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto the Lord for he hath triumphed gloriously. The horse, and his rider, hath he thrown into the sea.

END OF THE FIRST PART.

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PART II.

NOW after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, the son of Nun, (Moses's Minister) saying, "Moses my servant is dead, now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land which I do give unto them, even to the children of Israel."

Joshua, chap. i. v. 1.

CHORUS. *Joshua.*

*Ye sons of Israel, ev'ry tribe attend,
Let grateful songs and hymns to heaven ascend,
In Gilgal and on Jordan's banks proclaim,
One first, one great, one lord Jehovah's name.*

RECITATIVE. *Joshua.*

Oh Joshua, both to rule, and blest ordained,
When Moses the eternal mansions gained;
What boundless gratitude to heav'n we owe,
Who

R E D E M P T I O N. 15

Who did in thee a chief so wise bestow.
 Courage and conduct shine in thee compleat,
 Justice and mercy fill thy judgment seat.

A I R. *Joshua.*

Oh had I Jubal's lyre,
 Or Miriam's tuneful voice,
 To sounds like his I wou'd aspire,
 In songs like her's rejoice.
 My humble strains but faintly shew,
 How much to heav'n—and thee we owe.

R E C I T A T I V E.

When Joshua had carried the children of Israel into the land of Canaan, he was gathered unto his fathers.—

And the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord God, who had brought them out of the land of Ægypt.

Judges, chap. xxii. v. xi.

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and sold them into the hands of their enemies.

Verse 14.

C H O R U S. *Deborah.*

" *Immortal Lord of earth and skies,*
 " *Whose wonders all around us rise ;*
 " *Whose anger when it awful glows,*
 " *To swift perdition dooms thy foes.*
 " *Oh grant a leader to our host,*
 " *Whose name with honour we may boast ;*
 " *Whose conduct may our cause maintain,*
 " *And break our proud oppressors chain.*

R E C I-

R E C I T A T I V E.

Now Deborah the prophetess judged Israel,
and she spoke saying,

Deborah.

Ye sons of Israel cease your fears,
Jehovah your petition hears ;
The impious chief of Canaan's host,
Who made our fall his daring boast,
Shall perish on the crimson sand,
Ignobly by a woman's hand.

Judges, chap. iv. v. iv.

A I R. *Theodora.*

Angels—ever bright and fair,
Make this people now your care ;
Fight for Judah 'gainst her foes,
Save thine Israel—end her woes:

C H O R U S. *Esther.*

*Jehovah, crowned with glory bright,
Surrounded with eternal light ;
Whose ministers are flaming fire,
Arise, and execute thine ire.*

*He comes, he comes to end our woes,
And pour his vengeance on our foes.
Earth trembles, lofty mountains nod,
Jacob arise and meet thy God.*

R E C I T A T I V E.

Now the elders of Israel gathered themselves
together unto Samuel, and said, make us a
king to judge us like all the nations.

Samuel, chap. viii. v. iv.

And

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And Samuel anointed Saul king over them.

And Saul and Jonathan his son assembled the people together, and fought against the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and behold, the daughters of the land, in joyal dance with instruments of music, came to congratulate the victory.

CHORUS. *Saul.*

*Welcome, welcome mighty King,
Welcome all who conquest bring;
Welcome David, warlike boy,
Author of our present joy.
Saul who hast thy thousands slain,
Welcome to thy friends again;
David his ten thousands slew,
Ten thousand praises are his due.*

RECITATIVE.

Again the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel, with Saul and Jonathan his son, fell down, slain in Mount Gilboah.

i. Sam. Chap. i. v. 1.

And David mourned and wept and fasted until even for Saul and Jonathan.

xii. Sam. chap. .. v. xii.

AIR and CHORUS. *Saul.*

*In sweetest harmony they liv'd.
Nor death their union could divide;
The pious son ne'er left his father's side,
But him defending, bravely died.*

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18 R E D E M P T I O N.

*A loss too great to be surviv'd.
For Saul, ye maids of Israel, mourn;
To whose indulgent care,
You owe the scarlet and the gold you wear,
And all the pomp in which your beauty long
bath shone.*

*Oh, fatal day, how low the mighty lie!
Oh, Jonathan, how nobly didst thou die!
For thy king and country slain,
For thee, my brother Jonathan.
How great is my distress!
What language can my grief express!
Great was the pleasure I enjoy'd in thee,
And more than woman's love thy wond'rous love
to me.*

*Oh fatal day! how low the mighty lie;
Where Israel is thy glory fled?
Spoil'd of thy arms, and sunk in infamy,
How canst thou raise again thy drooping head?*

Funeral Anthem.

Their bodies are buried in peace.

Dead March in Saul,

R E C I T A T I V E.

*And the men of Judah appointed David
King over the House of Judah.*

ii. Sam. chap. xi. v. 4.

*And the Lord was with him, for he found
favour in the sight of the Lord.*

A I R.

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A I R. *Rend il sereno.*

Lord remember David, teach him to know
thy ways,
Oh guide, his tongue with meekness, daily to
sing thy praise.

“ C H O R U S. *Saul.*

“ *Gird on thy sword, thou man of might,*
“ *Peruse thy wonted fame ;*
“ *Go on, be prosperous in fight,*
“ *Retrieve the Hebrew name.*
“ *Thy strong right hand with terror arm,*
“ *Shall thy obdurate foes dismay,*
“ *While others, by thy virtue charm'd,*
“ *Shall croud to own thy righteous sway.*

“ R E C I T A T I V E.

“ Blessed be the Lord my strength who
“ teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers
“ to fight.

Pf. cxliv. v. 1.

“ Who hath chosen David his servant,
“ and took him away from the sheep folds.

Pf. lxxviii. v. 71.

“ A I R. *Occasional Oratorio.*

“ The sword that's brown in virtue's cause,
“ To guard our country and its laws ;
“ Friend, parent, Children dear
“ To guide its edge we heav'n invoke,
“ Rebellion falls beneath the stroke
“ And joy succeeds to fear.
“ Millions unborn shall bless the har
“ That gave deliverance to the land

R E C I T A T I V E.

When King David was old and stricken in years, he commanded Zadock the priest, and Nathan the prophet to anoint Solomon King over Israel, and they blew the trumpet, and the people answered and said.—

i. *Book of Kings, chap. i. v. 1.*
Verse 34.

C H O R U S. *Coronation Anthem.*

God save the King!
Long live the King!
May the King live for ever.

Hallelujah. Amen.

END OF THE SECOND PART.

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P A R T III.

“R E C I T A T I V E.

“T H U S faith the Lord, behold, I will
“cause the branch of righteousness to grow
“up unto David, and he shall execute
“judgment and righteousness in the land,
“and his name shall be called, *The Lord our*
“*Righteousness*,

Jeremiah, chap. xxxiii. v. 15.

“And thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though
“thou be little among the thousands of
“Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth
“unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose
“goings forth have been from from of old,
“from everlasting.

Micah, chap. v. v.

“C H O R U S. *From his Anthems.*

“Tell it out among the heathen, that the
“Lord is King; and that he hath made the
“round world so fast that it cannot be moved.

R E C I-

R E C I T A T I V E.

Now when the fullness of time was come, Joseph with Mary his espoused wife, went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth unto Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David) and while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Luke, chap. ii, v. 4, 5, 6, 7.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling cloaths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn,

A I R. *Alcina Verde prati.*

Where is this stupendous stranger,
Nymphs of Solima advise;
Lead me to my master's manger.
Shew me where my Saviour lies.
Oh most mighty, oh most holy,
Far above the Seraph's thought,
Art thou then so meek and lowly,
As unheeded prophet's taught.
Oh the magnitude of meekness,
Worth from worth immortal sprung;
Oh the strength of infant weakness,
If eternal is so young!

Smart's Psalms.

R E C I -

R E C I T A T I V E.

In the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.

Mathew, chap. ii. v. 1.

A I R. *Alexander Balus, here amid a shady wood.*

There beneath a lovely shade,
They found the heavenly infant laid,
Their richest gifts before him spread,
And humblest adoration paid.

R E C I T A T I V E.

“ Behold the Lord hath appointed me to
“ preach good tidings unto the meek, he hath
“ sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to
“ proclaim liberty to the captives, and the
“ opening of the prison to them that are
“ bound. To proclaim the acceptable year
“ of the lord, and to comfort all such as mourn.

Jeremiah, chap. lxi. v. 4.

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“DUET and CHORUS.

“(From the Messiah, not used.)

“How beautiful are the feet of him that
 “bringeth glad tidings of salvation ; that saith
 “unto Sion, thy God reigneth.

“Break forth into joy !

“Glad tidings !

RECITATIVE.

And Jesus went about doing good unto all men. He sought not his own glory, but the glory of his father ; for he sought the salvation unto all, working great miracles, and his works bore witness of him.

A I R. *Siroc Non in piacque.*

He was eyes unto the blind,
 He was feet unto the lame,
 He healed their sickness, and
 Rased all their sorrows.

RECITATIVE.

When the time drew near, and that all things that were written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man, should be accomplished ; that he should be delivered unto the Gentiles, and be mocked and spit upon, and that they should
 scourge

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ſcourage him and put him to death ; and on the third day he ſhould riſe again ; then Jeſus went up to Jeruſalem, and a very great multitude ſpread their garments in the way, others cut down branches from the trees, and ſtrewed them in the way, and the multitude that went before, and that followed after, cried, ſaying,

C H O R U S.

Hofannah to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hofannah in the higheſt.

R E C I T A T I V E.

The people at Jeruſalem, and their rulers, becauſe they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets, which were read every ſabbath day they have fulfilled them, in condemning him.

A I R.

He was brought as a lamb to the ſlaughter, and as a ſheep to the ſacrifice, yet he opened not his mouth ! when he was reviled, reviled not again ; when he ſuffered, he threatened not, but committed himſelf to him that judged righteouſly.

D

For

“ R E C I T A T I V E.

“ For God so loved the world, that he gave
 “ his only-begotten son, that whosoever be-
 “ lieveth in him, should not perish, but have
 “ everlasting life.

St. John, chap. iii. v. 16.

“ D U E T. *Rodelinda, Jo vabbraccio.*

“ In his pity, and in his love, he redeemed us.

R E C I T A T I V E.

Behold, it is Christ that is risen from the
 grave, who was ordained by God to be the
 judge of the quick and the dead.

C H O R U S. *Te Deum.*

*He sitteth at the right hand of God, in the
 glory of the Father.*

A I R. *Rodelinda, Dove sai.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come,

Who shall not glorify thy name, for thou
 art holy, thou only art the Lord.

Lev. chap. xi. xv. v. 17. 4.

A I R.

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Forasmuch as Christ (our Paschal Lamb) did offer himself a willing sacrifice to God for the remission of our sins, (whereby he hath redeemed us) and now sitteth at the right Hand God, making intercession for us. Therefore with Angels and Arch-Angels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising God, and saying,

Communion Service.

CHORUS. *Jubilate.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Forasmuch as Christ (our Federal Head)
has offered a willing sacrifice to God for
the redemption of our souls, and thereby he hath
redeemed us, and now stands at the right
hand of God, waiting for us, let us, O Lord,
with angels and Archangels, and with
the company of the saints, we pray and
sing, for the redemption of our souls, and
for the redemption of the whole Church.

CHORUS

Lord, be merciful to the Church, and
to every soul.

And in our day, O Lord, be
merciful to the Church, and
to every soul.

THE END

